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They are both constantly on the point of tears. HLP & SRP:
"We've had enough suffering in this family to carry
us for two hundred years. [Pause]. What I want to
know is, what caused it. Where did we get it from?"
WSP to the group: "Don't give up, boy. Don't give up."
We were all just about crying at that point. At
that point, SRP remarked: "Yes, where there's
life, there's hope. This thing has to be fought
with every cell in your body. No ball game is not
over by a long shot."

Amazingly, we managed to have a largely
normal Thanksgiving meal -- in many many
respects it was just like usual. HLP wondering
if we all had enough to eat and of course we
we all practically falling off the chair from
over-eating; Cousin Peg and William discovered
each other today -- they fooled around much of
the day and were very much entertained by
each other. Laura, April & William are really
good kids: each quite wonderful in his or her own
way. After dinner was over, and we had all
rested a bit and did the dishes, Peg & William &
April & SRP took a walk down to RTP's so that
April & William could "fix the Critter" --
feed the 3 horses & half dozen or so sheep &
the peacocks & pheasants. On the way down, I
took three photographs: April, Wm., and
Peg/April/William. Perhaps I can have the
prints made into Christmas presents for the 3 of
them.

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No Ecumenical service ceremony was wonderful. I
was in my usual pew when Joe Pascoe came in
he called out my name & I went & sat with him &
Mason Essig & his mother. The spirit of cooperation &
optimism & harmony & good cheer that emerged
from the service was truly extraordinary. Both
Bartholomay and Stanger are going to retire this
year and Monsignor Horan made a very touching
tribute to both of them; Pullin and Horan are
buddies. No harmony among the members
of the Ministerium is extraordinary, especially in
light of the religious war/battles that used to
characterize Carbondale life very often. Monsignor
Horan is a very engaging man & a really well
versed man in the pulpit. Very funny & very
serious, alternately. WDAU-Channel 22 was
present and I knew that I would be on the
Evening News -- as I was (6 P.M.). We all
watched and there I was for about 3 seconds.
I wonder if anyone I know, besides members
of the family, saw and recognized SRP.

Tried to telephone OWP several times today from
the Golf course. No luck. Will try again after
11 P.M., when ^{the} 60% reduction in rates goes into
effect. Today HLP remarked to me at one point:
"I wonder if Don's having turkey today?" Peg
also asked ^{me} at one point: "Don's not coming?"
That was that.

Very cold today and tonight: in the teens. Deer
hunting season begins on Monday -- schools closed.